



# Statement

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## ACC APPLAUDS HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE SAVE OUR SEAS 2.0 ACT

WASHINGTON (October 1, 2020) – *Today, The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act, S.1982. The following statement may be attributed to Joshua Baca, vice president of ACC’s Plastics Division:*

“America’s plastic makers strongly support this important, bipartisan legislation to accelerate solutions to end plastic waste. Plastic waste is a solvable challenge, and this legislation will focus U.S. resources on working with other governments to share knowledge and improve infrastructure to better manage and recycle used plastics.

“*The Save Our Seas 2.0 Act* supports scientists and agencies in studying innovative ways to repurpose used plastics, including a mass balance certification system for circular polymers, and ways to repurpose plastics in infrastructure projects, such as roads and bridges. We believe these actions will help accelerate progress toward a circular economy for plastics in the United States and abroad.

“The legislation also directs EPA to conduct a study on minimizing the generation of plastic waste, a critical element as we move towards a circular economy. Plastic makers are committed to supporting innovative design and product delivery systems, among other measures to reduce the generation of waste.

“Additionally, the bill creates a revolving fund to strengthen our domestic recycling infrastructure. In 2018, America’s plastic makers established a goal of making all plastic packaging in the United States reusable, recyclable, or recoverable by 2030 and for all plastic packaging to be reused, recycled, or recovered by 2040. A collaborative effort— involving government, industry, recyclers, and other stakeholders—will be critical to achieving these goals. To create a circular economy for plastics, today ACC released its [Roadmap to Reuse and Guiding Principles](#) that include support for packaging fees and increased disposal fees to help equalize the cost of recycling with that of disposal.

“Plastic makers have long been committed to working on ending plastic waste in our environment, globally. In 2011, ACC helped lead the development of a [Global Declaration for Solutions on Marine Litter](#), which has been signed by 80 plastics associations in 39 countries. Together, these signatories have initiated or completed more than [395 projects aimed at addressing marine debris](#) around the globe.”



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